

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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APPLICATION

In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:

Inventor(s): ASHOK K. AGARWAL

Appln. No.: 09 974,637

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Examiner: Krishnan S. Menon

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Client Ref

Filed: October 9, 2001

Title: COMPOSITE NANOFILTRATION AND  
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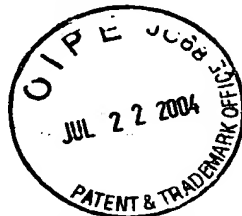
Hon. Commissioner for Patents

PO Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: July 19, 2004

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114**

Please continue the examination of this application.

**PREREQUISITES**This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.An issue fee **has not been** paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).**Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).****Reply to any outstanding action must be enclosed or previously filed.**

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

**Please consider the following before the next Official Action:**

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1. Please ☐ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP2. ☒ The enclosed new Amendment3. ☒ Declaration of John Simonetti Re: Unexpected Results Under 37 C.F.R. 1.1324. ☐ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.5. ☐ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement☐ IDS Letter☐ Cited Appln☐ Foreign Search Report/OA☐ PTO-1449☐ Cited Documents6. ☐ Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months (3 mos. Max) for which charge the required \$130 fee (fee code 1808) to our Deposit Account (see below).7. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date of 5-17-04 to cover the date this Request is filed. **PLEASE CHARGE** the requisite fee to our Deposit Account (see below)

(1 mo) \$110/\$55

(2 mos) \$420/\$210 + 420

(3 mos) \$950/\$475

8. **PLEASE CHARGE** the Rule 17(e) (RCE) filing fee of ☒ \$770 (lg. ent.) ☐ \$385 (sm. ent.) plus any deficiency and any other fee due now or later to our Deposit

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**NOTE: Rule 17(e) filing fee Cannot be deferred!**  
**NO CLAIMS FEE REQUIRED** unless you are adding claims by box 2 Amendment in which case cover this with PAT-120.Pillsbury Winthrop LLP  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**AND AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 17, 2004, the due date for response to which has been extended to July 19, 2004, the first business day after Saturday, July 17 by virtue of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, in connection with the above-identified application, Applicant files this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and entry and consideration of the following amendment and remarks.

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